



State Transportation Commission

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Overview

- **Reauthorization Update**
- **Mackinac Bridge**



Reauthorization Update

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TEA-21 Reauthorization Conference Committee

- Federal programs currently operating under the fourth short-term extension of TEA-21
 - Extension expires Sept. 30, 2004
 - Nearly \$2 billion held back for earmarking in September
 - No additional money for donor states

TEA-21 Reauthorization Conference Committee

- **Senator Inhofe's proposal:**
 - Guarantees \$289 billion nationally for highways and transit
 - 94% minimum guarantee by the end of the bill
 - All current programs part of the bill's scope
- **House counter proposal:**
 - \$284 billion guaranteed nationally for highways and transit
 - No word on minimum guarantee or scope
 - Said to be the highest funding level the Bush administration will accept

What it Means to Michigan

- Senate proposal could bring an additional \$230 to \$270 million for highways per year
- House proposal has too many unknown variables to predict future funding
 - Conference committee to get numbers on several scenarios over the summer

Next Steps

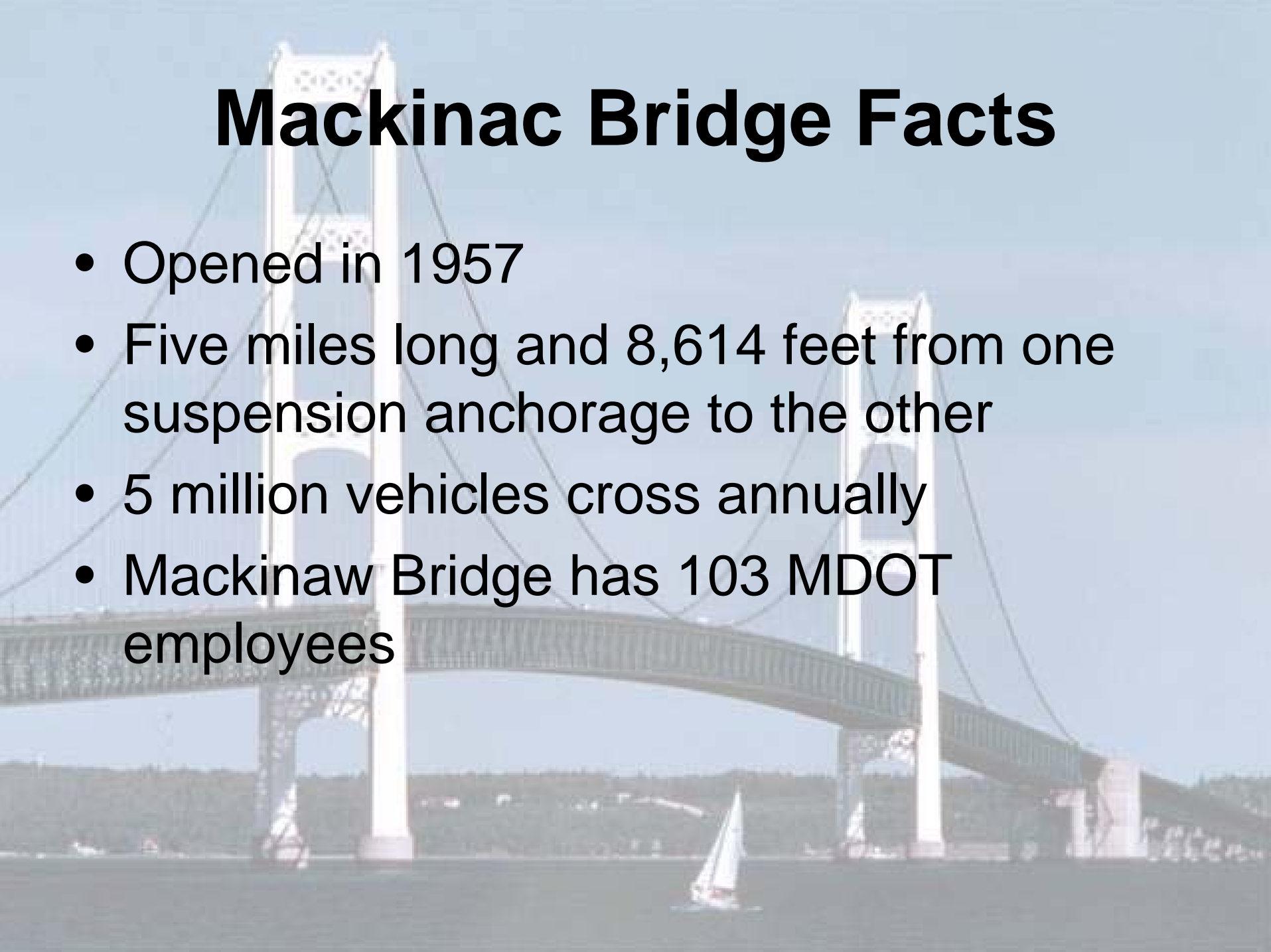
- Congress on six week recess
 - Conference Committee staff will meet while they're away
 - Some talk of a 1 year “mini bill” prior to election
 - DC Optimism that we will get a bill this year is waning
- **Keep up the pressure from outside the beltway!**
 - Call or write your Congressman
 - We don't want a “mini bill” or another extension that doesn't address current inequity
 - We need a fully-funded six-year bill with donor state equity
 - Michigan's economy needs the boost that transportation spending and transportation jobs can provide

Mackinac Bridge Update



Mackinac Bridge Facts

- Opened in 1957
- Five miles long and 8,614 feet from one suspension anchorage to the other
- 5 million vehicles cross annually
- Mackinaw Bridge has 103 MDOT employees



MDOT/MBA Roles

- Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) is exclusively responsible for:
 - Setting bridge tolls
 - Approving uses of the bridge
 - Establishing rules and regulations for bridge tolls and use
- MDOT is responsible for all other administrative and oversight functions

Homeland Security



Deck Replacement: \$190 Million 2017



Mackinac Bridge Events



Questions ?

